

*Money part of continuing effort to increase the quality of life in the district*

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(Washington, DC) -- Congressman Tim Ryan (OH-17), a member of the House Appropriations Committee, has secured \$2,400,000 from the Labor Health and Human Services spending bill as part of an ongoing effort to increase the quality of life in Northeast Ohio and give our kids the tools they need to succeed in the future. The programs specifically target social and emotional learning, green jobs training programs, arts, after school programming, healthcare and kindergarten programs.

**“Rebuilding our economy isn’t just about making sure the jobs are here, it’s about making sure we are healthy, ready to compete and our kids are up to the challenges that face them in the future,”** said Congressman Ryan. **“These programs will help educate our children, give them safe and challenging after school programs, increase the level of health and wellness for our community and put people back to work.”**

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**\$900,000 for the SEL Skills for Life: Social and Emotional Learning in Schools:**

The Collaborative for Academic, Social and Emotional Learning (CASEL) will partner with Morningside Center for Teaching Social Responsibility and the Inner Resilience Program to assist Youngstown, Niles and Warren City School Districts to develop a sustainable district wide implementation of social emotional learning (SEL) in eight schools.

**\$200,000 for The Social-Emotional Learning Project at Youngstown State University:**

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Creates a pilot project that will train four faculty from Youngstown State University in Social-Emotional Learning Theory by the Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning towards turning the curriculum into a required course for all Education majors at the University. Additionally, these student teachers will be required to keep an anecdotal record describing how they have incorporated SEL into their teaching on a daily basis. This anecdotal record will be used by the project evaluator to help determine the success of the project.

**\$200,000 NEOUCOM Anatomy Teaching Laboratory Renovation:**

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The monies will go towards renovating The Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine and Pharmacy (NEOUCOM) gross anatomy teaching laboratory. This upgrade will remedy design features of the facility that pose instructional problems and increase the

efficiency of space utilization to improve the overall teaching environment. This renovation will assure compliance with ADA and accrediting agency requirements. It will increase the useable size of the teaching laboratory to accommodate additional students and provide modern technologies for student learning including computer based teaching equipment, a video camera and television monitors to display dissection in “real time,” electronic communication equipment and power point capabilities. The number of teaching stations will be increased from 24 to 30 to accommodate up to 150 medical students.

### **\$100,000 Inspiring Minds After School Program:**

Inspiring Minds and the YMCA of Warren have partnered to offer an After School Program where youth from the City of Warren can experience a safe place to take part in recreational sports, opportunities to enhance academia, personal development and recreation. Inspiring Minds will provide healthy relationships and adult role models. The After School Program is unique in that it is the only structured recreation program located in the heart of downtown Warren.

### **\$305,000 Youngstown Grey to Green Initiative:**

Green job training program participants will have opportunities to learn skills for a wide range of green industries from sustainable land management to carpentry to green energy. Trainees will learn skills associated with energy efficient home rehabilitation and modernization by

making energy efficient improvement to city housing stock. Trainees will also be trained in deconstructing uninhabitable, vacant homes.

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**\$200,000 Mahoning Valley Tradeswomen TOOLS: Training, Outreach, Opportunity, Leadership and Support:□**

The Raymond John Wean Foundation and Hard Hatted Women will partner to launch the Tradeswomen TOOLS program linking women in the Trumbull and Mahoning Counties to opportunities in high-wage, nontraditional fields. It will use the expertise of women already working in nontraditional fields to advance diversity initiatives for unemployed women within the building trades, heavy highway, energy/utility sector, green building sector and advanced manufacturing and then links them with employment opportunities.

**\$250,000 Summa Center for Minority Health and Health Disparities Solutions:**

Summa Health System will receive \$500,000 to establish the Center for Minority Health and Health Disparities Solutions. The urgent need to improve the health of African Americans and other minority populations in Summit County, Ohio, is apparent through county data and issues raised within community dialogues facilitated in 2008 by the Akron Health Department's Office of Minority Health, and publicly documented by the Akron Beacon Journal. The Center's mission will be to understand, reduce and eventually eliminate health disparities in Summit County.

**\$145,000 Youngstown Program in Arts and Career Education for Young Inner City Pupils:**

The project will provide for 100 young children in blighted inner-city Youngstown, Ohio an intensified two-year program in the arts and in career information with a view towards current enrichment and longer-term benefits. The project will be composed of two parts: specialized classes, lectures and demonstrations, hands-on experiences, involvement of the public, and record keeping; and a five-year follow-up to note residual effects of these experiences, and a pre- and post-evaluation of the children's status and progress. Parents will be actively involved in all aspects of the project.

**\$100,000 Youngstown/Mahoning Valley United Way Success by 6 Initiative:**

Success by 6, created by United Way of America about 10 years ago, is a six-week intensive kindergarten readiness program for at-risk children. The funds will go towards the start-up costs to begin Success by 6 in the summer of 2010 for the majority of the Mahoning County school districts. United Way research on Success by 6 has determined that for every dollar invested in early childhood education, over \$17 is saved through reduced social service dependency, lessened juvenile delinquency issues, and judicial costs.

The bill passed the full House of Representatives today but still requires action by the Senate and must be signed into law by the President.